GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6526
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BUS SERVICE BETWEEN CALCUTTA AND DHAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether bus service was introduced between Calcutta and Dhaka recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : In pursuance to the bilateral agreement signed with the Government of Bangladesh on 17.6.1999,the regular operation of bus service between Calcutta and Dhaka has commenced from 9.7.1999. The bus service is provided by West Bengal Surface Transport Corporation (WBSTC) from Indian side and by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) from Bangladesh side. The WBSTC is operating two bus services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Calcutta and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Dhaka. The BRTA is operating two bus services on these days from Dhaka and Calcutta respectively. Other modalities of operation of this bus service have been published in Government of India Gazette Notification GSR No. 128(E) dated 16.2.2000.